

December 14, 2000

INSTALLATION OF PATCH FB*3.5*24

1. PURPOSE: This Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Directive provides instructions for the installation of patch FB*3.5*24 that adds a new purpose of visit code so medical Fee (outpatient) authorizations and payments of chiropractic services are nationally identified. This patch also adds a new participation and specialty code that will identify non-Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Fee chiropractic vendors.

2. POLICY: Section 303 of Public Law 106-117, the Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act, required the Under Secretary for Health to establish VHA-wide policy regarding the use of chiropractic treatment in the care of veterans. This patch will collect information required by VHA Directive 2000-14, Chiropractic Care and Services.

3. ACTION

a. The Office of Information Field Office (OIFO) will release Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VistA) patch FB*3.5*24 to all facilities in December 2000. This patch contains the functionality to introduce into the Fee Basis software program a new purpose of visit code as well as new vendor participation and specialty codes.

b. Facility directors must ensure that the patch is installed no later than 10 days after receipt.

c. The new purpose of visit code will be available immediately after the patch is installed. However, the software will not permit the new participation and specialty codes to be used until after 10 p.m. on January 3, 2001. This will give all sites the opportunity to install this patch before the new vendor codes become activated. Some vendors are used by multiple sites; if vendor data is changed by one site, the updated information is transmitted to other sites that use that vendor. Therefore, sites are reminded to pay attention to VistA alerts.

d. Facilities must ensure chiropractic services authorized under Title 38, United States Code, Chapter 17, Section 1703, are paid utilizing the VistA fee program. Authorizing sites are to use the new purpose of visit code, chiropractic care (75).

e. The Medical Fee (Outpatient) package will be utilized.

f. The use of the Enter Authorization (FBAA ENTER AUTHORIZATION) option will be used to enter or edit current and future outpatient authorization.

g. The Display, Enter, Edit Demographics (FBAA VENDOR DEMOGRAPHICS) option will be used to enter or edit fee vendors to reflect proper designation as a chiropractic vendor.

THIS VHA DIRECTIVE EXPIRES MARCH 31, 2001

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4. REFERENCES

- a. Public Law 106-117, Section 303 of the Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act.
- b. VHA Directive 2000-014, Chiropractic Care and Services.

5. FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY: Health Administration Service (10C3) is responsible for the content of this directive.

6. RESCISSION: This VHA Directive will expire on March 31, 2001.

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